IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORIGINAL SIDE
Writ Petition No.477 of 2007

Smt. Penelope Ann Dos Remedios Petitioner
Vs.
The Commissioner of Police & anr. Respondents

Mr.V.A.Almeda with Mr.Nusrat Shah i/b. Ms.N.N.Shah
for petitioner.
Mr.K.R.Belosay, Government Pleader for respondent

CORAM: B.H.MARLAPALLE & S.R.SATHE, JJ.
April 25, 2007.

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. Heard Mr.Almeda, the learned counsel for the petitioner. The learned Government Pleader appears for the respondents. The petitioner is aggrieved by the communication dated 2/11/2006 she has received from the office of the Police Commissioner, Greater Mumbai informing that she has to select one of the arms out of the three arms demanded by her.

. We do not find any reason to find fault with the said communication and as per the present position in law every weapon that is in possession of a citizen must have a licence and one individual cannot be granted more than one licence.

. The learned counsel for the petitioner has placed before us affidavit of the petitioner in which

she has stated that the other members of her father's family will apply for renewal of the second and third licence and if the Rules permit, the said application shall be considered by the competent authority. In case such applications cannot be considered, the affidavit states that the competent authority should take steps to keep the remaining weapons in a museum in the memory of her late father and she is prepared to bear the expenses that may be required for the said purpose. This request seems to be reasonable.

. While we reject the petition we grant liberty to the other members of the family to apply to the competent authority for separate licence and the said application shall be considered as per the Licensing Rules as expeditiously as possible and preferably within three months from the date of submission of the applications. If such applications cannot be considered, the petitioner's alternative prayer will be taken into consideration by the competent authority.

(S.R.SATHE,J.) (B.H.MARLAPALLE,J.)